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### Indifference to Facts of Communist Activities in U. S. Is Criticized

The bombing of a Jewish temple in Atlanta has all the earmarks of a Communist plot. It follows the pattern of similar bombings of Jewish places of worship in Florida at Miami and Jacksonville, in Alabama at Birmingham, and in North Carolina at Charlotte and Gastonia.

When Mayor William B. Hartsfield of Atlanta calls it an "international conspiracy," he puts his finger on the fact that only by a concerted action and money from a foreign source could stooges in this country be employed to carry out the bomb plots. It is significant that, in connection with almost every one of the bombings, there are always anonymous telephone calls and there is every time a reference to a "Confederate underground." The word "underground" is all too familiar in the Communist world, and it sounds as though the individuals who did the jobs are trained carefully to do exactly what they are told in every instance. They do not have versatility of mind sufficient to vary even the telephone calls.

The anti-Semitic crusade has money and is worldwide in its scope. The Communists like to fish in troubled waters and they tie up with members of all the crackpot organizations they can find and use them for their own diabolical ends. It has always been a mystery where these organizations and their publications get the money to carry on persistent campaigns of vilification.

But most surprising of all is that governmental detective agencies seem never to have uncovered the international connections of these local organizations. One reason perhaps is that gradually the processes of detection where Communists are concerned have been weakened in this country through Supreme Court decisions and the peach-pooching tactics of the so-called "liberals."

It is the same abroad. Though it is apparent that the race riots in Nottingham, England, are not characteristic in any sense of the British people, yet there are leading newspapers in England which have ridiculed the idea that any foreign influence could possibly have given stimulus or momentum to the local controversies. There is an almost indignant defense of the Communist cult as unlikely to have done anything so improper. Indeed, there is always a tendency in some quarters in Britain to forget altogether the cases of Klaus Fuchs, who stole the atom secrets, and of Donald MacLean and Guy Burgess, who defected from the British foreign office and now sit as advisers in Moscow.

One phase of the anti-Communist battle in the United States is that too many misguided "liberals" seem to think the individual rights of Communists to preach treason and to plot against the state transcend the rights of all the people to be defended against such attacks. When Congressional committees try to get witnesses to help their own Government by telling the names of Communists they have known, any refusal to divulge such friendships is protected by the Supreme Court as "freedom of association."

The men charged with detecting conspiracy and crime in America are discouraged by these technical obstructions. Yet it is well known that bombing is a Communist technique, and a good deal of practice in that sort of business has been obtained by terrorists in the Middle East. To import a few who can enlist a handful of American criminals to assist them is not a difficult job for trained Communists. They have the money and the criminals at their beck and call.

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The Communist purpose, of course, is to make propaganda. The objective, for example, of the bombings of synagogues is to stir up antagonisms inside the United States and to portray America before the world as denying religious freedom. Testimony before congressional committees has disclosed Communist mischief-makers in the South who are allied with organizations ostensibly interested in agitation of racial issues. There has been too much indifference to the facts already revealed by Senate and House investigating committees about Communist infiltration in the United States.

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